Endangered Species



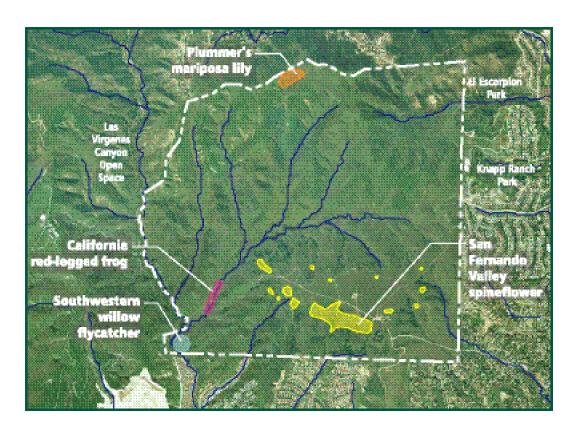
The California red-legged frog (Rana aurora draytonii) is federally-listed as threatened and is a California species of concern. The Southern California species is reduced to three fragile populations. The population on the Ranch inhabits ten pools along a 300-yard stretch of East Las Virgenes Creek. This population may be the last remaining viable population in southern California from what once was a relatively widespread distribution.



The San Fernando Valley spineflower (Chorizanthe parryi var. fernandina), last seen in 1929, was rediscovered on the Ranch in 1999. Only one other small population is known to exist in the world, but it too is threatened by development. The spineflower is listed by the State as endangered, and is a federal Candidate for listing as endangered. The plant is found in 16 locations on the property within the heart of the approved development footprint.



The Southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax trailli extimus*), which is State- and federally-listed endangered, has declined to under 1,000 breeding pairs over its entire range. A single individual was observed on the Ranch. Las Virgenes Creek provides high quality habitat for the flycatcher.





The Plummer's mariposa lily (*Calochortus plummerae*) is endemic to California and listed as fairly endangered in California by the California Native Plant Society. A population of the lily exists near the northern edge of the Ranch.